REMARKS

Claims 17-18, 22, and 38 have been amended. No claims have been added or canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-2, 9-11, 14-38 are currently pending in the application.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicant hereby elects the invention defined by the Examiner as Group I, corresponding to claims 1, 2, 9-11, 14-16, 22-29 and 33-37 which are drawn to a composite laminate with moisture transfer properties. The claims of invention defined by the Examiner's Group II have been amended to also correspond to the invention defined as Group I.

In addition, Applicant elects the species defined by the Examiner as a two layered composite comprising a foam and a non-woven as well as the four layered composite having two such two-layered composites. Therefore, Applicant elects claims 17, 18, 22, 25, 28, 30, 37 and 38 for prosecution. This election is made with traverse.

Conclusion

Examination of all of the elected claims is hereby requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment due to deposit account no. 50-1417.

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MARKED UP VERSION OF THE CLAIMS

- 17. (Amended) A composite for a liner comprising:
 - a first layer of open-cell foam;
- a first [absorbent] non-woven material attached to the first layer of open-cell foam, the first non-woven material being capable of transferring moisture vapor;
- a second layer of open-cell foam attached to the first absorbent non-woven material; and
- a second [absorbent] non-woven material attached to the second layer of open-cell foam, the second non-woven material being capable of transferring moisture vapor.
- 18. (Amended) The liner according to claim 17, wherein the first and second [absorbent] non-woven materials are apertured.
- 22. (Amended) A composite for use in a liner [for footwear] comprising:
- a layer of foam which is treated to have reversible enhanced thermal properties; and

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a non-woven material attached to the layer of foam, the non-woven material being [that is] capable of transferring moisture vapor.

38. (Amended) The liner according to claim 17, wherein each of said first and second [absorbent] non-woven materials includes at least one material selected from a group consisting of lycra, wood pulp, cotton, polypropylene, polyester and rayon.